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DEQ continues to operate more efficiently

BATON ROUGE -- For the second straight year, the Department of Environmental Quality continues to operate without state general funds. The department has been able to continue its success by cutting costs and operating more efficiently.

For the fiscal year 2012, the department has frozen vacant positions. The savings from these positions will be approximately \$1.5 million. Additional cost saving measures implemented include reductions in travel, contracts and operating services and supplies which resulted in a savings of an additional \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2012.

“Since 2008, DEQ has made great strides to operate as a business and operate solely off of revenues generated by department,” said DEQ Secretary Peggy Hatch. “To accomplish this, the department has changed the spending practices of the past and become more efficient with our finite resources. Under this administration, the department closely monitored expenditures, implemented efficiency measures, combined like tasks and moved divisions into offices where job duties can be more efficient.”